## STATE SENATOR - DEBORAH CHERRY - 26TH DISTRICT

## Cherry Press Release

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## SENATOR DEB CHERRY HOSTS MENTAL HEALTH PANEL

LANSING) – State Senator Deb Cherry (D-Burton) will host a Town Hall meeting on Monday, March 8, 2004, from 7–9 p.m., at the Covert Center in Waterford, to discuss the state's mental health system.

Joining her will be members of the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority and a representative of the Michigan Department of Community Health. Sen. Cherry is a vocal advocate for mental health patients.

"Sound mental health is important to Michigan families," Sen. Cherry said. "Opportunities like this for local residents to meet with our state's mental health providers will help raise awareness of how our system works and will avoid needless suffering."

Topics of discussion will include:

- What works and what doesn't in the current public mental health system?
- What is the current and future status of funding for state services?

For constituent information, please contact Sen. Deb Cherry at (866) 305-2126. Media can access pictures from the event at www.senate.mi.gov/cherry/pr030404-1.htm.

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Sen. Deborah Cherry represents the 26<sup>th</sup> Senate District. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she sits on the Higher Education, Department of Community Health, Department of Natural Resources and Capital Outlay subcommittees.